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Scheme was deferred in view of the present financial stringency. If the Scheme had been taken up, the entire non-recurring expenditure would be met by the State Government and the recurring expenditure would be shared by the Indian Central Coconut Committee and the State Government on 50:50 basis. The receipts from the Scheme would be shared by the Indian Central Coconut Committee and the State Government on a 40:60 basis.

"(b) The Government of India offered a grant of Rs. 12,800 being their share of the net recurring expenditure on the Scheme for the entire period of the Scheme after deducting their share, viz., 40 per cent of the total receipts."

* 1188 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—"I am not putting the question, Sir."

Acquisition of house-sites for Harijans in municipal areas.

* 1189 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that house-sites for Harijans are not acquired in municipal areas; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"(*a*) No, Sir.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

Assignment of lands to stone cutters for quarrying purpose in Chirakkal taluk.

* 1190 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— **12 noon.**

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations recently from the stone cutters of Government poramboke quarry and other quarries in Mangatparamba, Taliparamba firka, Chirakkal taluk, requesting permission to cut stones from Government quarries in neighbouring villages and reduction in assessment; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"(*a*) Yes, Sir. Only one representation has been received from the stone cutters of Andoor amsam and desam, North Malabar, requesting allotment of lands in R.S. No. 76 in Mangattu paramba for quarrying *or*, in the alternative, to exempt them from paying the rent due to Government, since they will have to quarry in private lands.

"(*b*) The land in R.S. No. 76 of Mangattu paramba has been reserved for growing grass for the use of the villagers and is not therefore available for allotment. It is also not possible

to comply with the alternative request to allow rent-free quarrying in private lands, as there is no provision for such a remission. It may, however, be mentioned that an area of 16 acres in R.S. No. 122-1 of Kanul desam at a distance of half a mile from R.S. No. 76 of Andur desam has already been granted to the stone cutters for quarrying purpose and this area has not yet been completely occupied.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' In view of the fact that the fee fixed by the Government has no relation to the market value of the stone cut and in view of the terrible fall in prices which has been taken place quite recently, and in view of the fact that the workers are not in a position to make both ends meet, may I know whether the Government will consider the question of making some reduction in the fee that is collected at present? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I would like to have notice, Sir.''

Extent of land to be brought under cultivation after the construction of a culvert in Kaludur channel in Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 1191 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how many acres of land are expected to be brought under cultivation after the construction of a culvert in Kaludur channel in Vriddhachalam taluk?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' It is presumed that the Member refers to the scheme for the construction of a dam across the Kaludur odai in Vriddhachalam taluk of South Arcot district. If so, the extent, proposed to be brought under irrigation under the above scheme is 300 acres in the first instance. The ultimate ayacut contemplated is 1,200 acres.''

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—'' களுதூர் ஓடையிலேயே அதன் குறுக்கே இன்னும் கொஞ்சம் அதிகச் செலவிலே ஒரு சிமிட்டி அணைகட்டி, அதன் பக்கத்திலே நீர்த்தேக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்தினுல் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான நிலங்களுக்கு பாசன வசதி ஏற்படும் என்று தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கின்றேன். ஆகவே, இம்மாதிரி ஒரு அணையைக் கட்டிக்கொடுப்பதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? ''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' If the hon. Member is referring to a different scheme, he may send me a proposal. I shall have it examined.''

Enhancement of salaries and status of elementary school teachers.

* 1192 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memoranda from the M.L.As. of